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PPP IN PORT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for the participation of the private sector in running the major ports under the control of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c): The Government has issued comprehensive guidelines for private sector participation in Major Ports which lay down, inter alia, the areas identified for participation by the private sector in these ports, the regulatory framework, modalities for participation, the bidding process, selection criteria and other general terms and conditions for such participation. The Government has also laid down model documents for bidding, license agreement etc. to guide the Major Ports in carving out project specific documents for such participation. The objective is to mobilize resources required for expansion and modernization of the ports, improve efficiency, productivity and quality of service as well as to bring in competitiveness in port services. So far, 16 projects involving an estimated private investment of over Rs.4300 crore have become operationalised in various Major Ports.